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From the London Gazette, March 29.

Venice, March 18. N. S.

FROM Mantua we have an Account, that most of the Troops detached from the Rhine were arrived, and that both Cavalry and Infantry are very compleat, and in every respect in good Order, notwithstanding the terrible Fatigues they have undergone. General Brown has under his Command, including the Hussars, and the Corps late commanded by General Pallavicini, at least 18000 Men, besides the Garrisons in Cremona and Pizzighitona, &c. The Remainder of the Troops which are to come from the Rhine will join him by the 23d of this Month, but it will be some time before the 16 Battalions that are to come from Bohemia can be here. Ten thousand Men are posted behind the Secchia. The Remainder, under the Command of General Bernclau, form a Cordon along the Po, and reach as far as Cremona. The Enemy have still large Detachments in Guastalla and Reggio. They are sending away from Milan their Train of Artillery, consisting of 102 Pieces of Cannon and 24 Mortars. The heavy Pieces go to Pavia, and some smaller Pieces towards Lodi. It was given out, they intended to attack Pizzighitona, but their Disposition seems to prove the contrary. An Account came Yesterday from Verona, that a Body of Nadasti's Hussars had passed the Po at Castel Maggiore, and attacked some advanced Posts in the Parmesan, and made some Prisoners.

Admiralty-Office, March 29. The St. Michael, a Privateer of 18 Guns and 160 Men, taken by Vice-Admiral Martin's Squadron, is sent into Plymouth, and brings Advice, that the Falcon Sloop, which was some time ago taken by the French, and converted into a Privateer, is retaken; and that when they left the Vice-Admiral of the 24th instant, he was in Chace of a French Man of War.

Aberdeen, March 21. Nothing has happened since the 19th, except that a Detachment of Kingston's Horse had pursued a Party of the Rebels, who had ventured to advance to Keith, but they fled with such Precipitation that there was no coming up with them.

From Wye's Letter, London, March 29.

Advice is come, that a French Man of War from Brest, and who had on board Forces for the Spanish Main, has taken several Vessels belonging to the American Colonies.

Yesterday Mordaunt's, Skelton's and Richbell's Regiments of Foot embarked for Scotland, where it is feared the Rebels are much stronger than we imagined, who

according to some Accounts from the North, have committed great Outrages and Barbarities in Argyleshire: But notwithstanding we are in hopes it will not be very long before we shall hear of a total Destruction given them by the Duke's Army, mangre all the Assistance given them by our implacable Enemy.

'Tis now strongly reported that there has been an Action in the North with the Rebels, and that the latter have gained great Advantages, but the Particulars are not mentioned. Mean while the Reports we have in these our Days are for the most part not to be relied on; but 'tis too true that Trade is in a melancholy Declension.

This Day Major General Skelton, Commander of the five Regiments now embarking for Scotland, set out for Gravesend.

'Tis still reported that there will be a Change of the Ministry.

From the London Evening Post, March 29.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, March 25.

M. de Musschenbroek, a famous Professor in Experimental Physicks at Leyden, has written a Letter to M. de Reaumur, of the Royal Academy of Sciences, containing an Account of a very singular Experiment, which has led him to several Discoveries concerning Electricity. The Experiment was this:

'Having suspended an Iron Cannon horizontally upon Silken Cords, with one End near the Electrical Globe, he fasten'd to the other End a Lattin Wire, which descended into a Bottle half full of Water; that holding up the Bottle with his Right Hand, while the Cannon was electrifying, he put forth a Finger of his Left Hand towards the Piece, in order, as usual, to draw off a Spark: But was struck such a violent Blow that he thought his Life at an End.' He adds, that esteeming himself very happy in escaping, he had no Mind to repeat the Experiment, and that the Commotion he felt was like a Clap of Thunder.

As this Letter came at a Time when many learned Men were employed about Electricity, the Abbe Nollet and M. de Monniers of the same Academy, zealous to search into so extraordinary a Phenomenon, divested themselves of Fear, made the same Experiment as M. Musschenbroek had done, and in like manner found the Commotion very terrible.

L O N D O N, March 27.

The French seem to have so much at Heart the Recovery of Cape Breton, that it is hop'd an Act of Parliament will be mov'd for, and carry'd, immediately after the Holidays, for annexing it for ever to the Crown of Great Britain, like Gibraltar and Minorca. — This would entirely put it out of the Power of Negotiators, whenever a general Congress comes to be held.

By Letters received on Wednesday from Aberdeen we



learn, that General Bland with 5000 Men, was gone forwards to Inverness, in order to drive the Rebels from thence, or to give them Battle.

Yesterday Skelton's, Mordaunt's and Richbell's Regiments of Foot embark'd on board the Transports at Blackwall, Deptford and Woolwich, for Scotland.

The same Day Brigadier Haughton's Regiment pass'd in Review before his Majesty in St. James's Park, and immediately after marched thro' the City to Blackwall, where they embark'd this Day.

On Wednesday last Admiral Stewart struck his Flag on board the St. George at Spithead, and hoisted it on board the Prince George.

We hear the Proprietors of several great Glass-Houses about the Town have let their Fires go out, and propose discontinuing the Trade, at least for some Time.

Yesterday 24 Deserters, discovered within these few Days amongst the French Troops taken by Commodore Knowles, were brought to Town and committed to the Savoy.

We hear that Orders are gone for 10000 Hanoverian Forces to march immediately into Brabant, and join the Confederate Army under Marshal Bathiani.

On Thursday four French Officers, born in France, taken in the Soliel, and who have been ever since confined in the Tower, were discharged upon their Parole, one of whom is young Mr. Ratcliffe.

On Thursday Robert Wright Esq; finished his Enquiry on the Lady of Captain Dalrymple. The Servant Maid, one Mary Platt gave a very circumstantial Evidence, so as to clear herself of the least Imputation in being concerned in the Murder. Matthew Henderson the Foot-boy, at first said nothing material; but the Coroner ordering an Iron Cleaver to be laid before him on the Table (which Cleaver was found in the Bog-house) he instantly turned about, wept bitterly, and declared he knew it very well; for it was with that he had murdered his Mistress when she was asleep. He said he gave her several Blows with it before she awakened; and the Words she then used were, 'Oh, Lord, what is that?' But he pursued his Blows, and, in Struggling, the Lady tumbled out of Bed, where he also repeated his Blows. Mrs. Dalrymple had six prodigious Wounds on her Head, one of her Eyes cut out, both her Cheek-bones cut through, and in two Places in the Head cut into the Brain. He acknowledged no Person was concerned with him in the Act, and the other Persons he had sworn against were innocent, which the other accused People sufficiently proved. The other Wounds the Lady had upon her Body were, as near as could be computed, about forty. The Jury was composed of the principal Inhabitants of the three adjoining Parishes, and a great Number of Nobility and Gentry were to hear the melancholy Enquiry. The Reason the Jury sat two Days, proceeded from the Keepers of the several Prisons refusing to bring up their Prisoners committed by the Justice; but on the Coroner's issuing his Warrants, they thought it properest to obey them.—The Captain her Husband, Aid de Camp, and next Heir to the Earl of Stair, who came to Town last Tuesday from Richmond, was so shocked at this melancholy Catastrophe, that it is greatly to be feared he will not long survive her.

Their Imperial Majesties have caused a Body of 8000 Men to be assembled in the Neighbourhood of Trieste and Fiume, which are to be embarked for Italy, under the Escort of some English Men of War, which are to be detached for that Purpose into the Adriatick from our Fleet now in the Mediterranean.

Some private Letters from the Hague say, that at the Departure of the Post an Express arriv'd from Antwerp, with Advice, that the French Army was assembling again in the Neighbourhood of Brussels with the utmost Diligence, and that they were inform'd that Marshal Saxe was expected at Ghent the 4th or 5th of April, N. S. at farthest.

The Kouli Kan Privateer, Capt. Barker, has taken and carried into Gibraltar, a Ship bound from Marseilles to St. Malo, laden with Soap, Cotton, &c.

The Lucy, Purchase, from Oporto, is taken and carried into Bayonne.

The Cleveland, Robinson, from Virginia who came out under Convoy of the Maynard Man of War, but parted with her, is taken by two French Privateers and carried into Bayonne.

The Atkins, Doubt, from Bristol for Jamaica, is taken by the French and carried into Martinico.

The Chester, Rose, from Chester for Oporto, is taken and carried into Galicia.

A little Spanish Privateer (suppos'd to be that which took the abovemention'd Vessel) commanded by an Englishman, with only two Guns and fifteen Men is taken by the King's-Fisher Sloop, off the Bar of Oporto; and the Commander immediately put in Irons on board the said Sloop.

There is no News yet of the Victorie, the French Ship taken by the London and Garland Privateers; when they parted with her, and ordered her to England, she had on board 55 English and 103 French.

By the Men of War from Lisbon there is Advice, that a few Hours after the King George Packet sailed from Lisbon, there happened a violent Storm, in which, it is feared, as she was a foul Vessel, that she foundered.

To the AUTHOR, &c.

IF there be any Merit in touching first on a Subject which we may expect will employ our best Pens, I would hope to see this hasty Sketch in your Paper. The Imperfections of it will only excite others to do it better.

I am &c.

For the STATUE of Sir JOHN BARNARD.

HERE, BARNARD, stand, for Citizens to see,
Who dare be virtuous, and dare copy Thee.
The Front erect, the penetrating Eye,
'That darts severe upon a rising Lye,
The decent Calm of Gravity and Grace,
Bespeak thy Soul. In this devoted Place,
Surveying Thee, each honest Heart shall glow,
And the same conscience Greatness pant to know.
When sordid Interest sw y'd the venal Tongue,
Eloquent Truth on thine persuasive hung:
When Britain's Ruin—No, Thou wilt her Friend;
And while by THEE protected to the End,
Our Fame with Thine this Statue shall record;
Her living PHOCION London could reward.

The HISTORY of EUROPE.

From the WESTMINSTER JOURNAL.

M. de Dieu, the Dutch Minister, has left the Court of Petersburg, without being able to conclude the Treaty of Commerce he has so long labour'd at. The Empress, however, dismiss'd him with extraordinary Marks of Esteem.

We have some mention from Stockholm of Uneasiness at the Court, but of what Nature is not said.

The military Preparations continue to go on at Copenhagen.

His Prussian Majesty now talks of an Army of about 60,000 Men near Halle; but for what Service No-body pretends to say. His general Discourse is however represented as tending to bring about a Pacification, and the French would persuade us, that his Ministers have declared this Monarch has no Views to the Prejudice of the King their Master.

The French Minister at Francfort has complained loudly of the Breach of Neutrality on the Side of the Empire, by the Passage of the Austrian Detachment over into Alsace: But he has yet received no Answer, tho' one was drawn up by the Director of the Anterior Circles, because the Deputies were not agreed in their Opinion of it upon Deliberation.

Some Accounts are very express, that the Campaign in Flanders depends upon Count Wassenauer's Success at Paris; and as we are told from Holland, that the ultimate Instructions are sent to that Minister by their High Mightinesses, we may soon expect to know the Issue of this Negotiation. In the mean time, the Prince of Waldeck continues in the Station he has occupied since the taking of Brussels, except that his Left Wing is farther extended along the Dyle, in order to facilitate the Junction of the Austrian Reinforcements. The French are very much in Motion between the Schelde and the Senne, and a Body of 10,000 of them is already said to be got together about Dendermonde.

As to the King of Sardinia, it is justly observed that he has in five Days recovered almost all that the Allies were five Months in acquiring last Year. The Surrender of Acqui, a very important Place, has succeeded his other Conquests, and the whole Number of Prisoners he has made, in this Opening of a Campaign, amount to between 8 and 9000. Some Letters say, that a Party of his Troops have retaken Villa-Franca, which, if true, may contribute to his cutting off any Reinforcements that may be sent either from France or Spain by the Way of Provence.

The Austrians are in Motion on the other Side of the Milanese, and have gain'd several Advantages; but of these we have not yet many Particulars. It is only certain, upon the Whole, that the Spaniards are so afraid of being surrounded upon the North-side of the Po, that they are getting off their Artillery and Baggage as fast as they can into the Parmesan, where, if at all, it is expected they will make a Stand, and be joined by Marshal Maillebois, in order to try one general Battle.

EDINBURGH, April 3.

Extract of a Letter from Hanly-Castle, March 26.

The Rebels advanced Guards and ours under Bri-

gadier Gen. Bland are within a Mile of one another every Night, and our Scouts and reconnoitring Parties are sometimes within Speech and exchanging Shots with one another. Upon the Night betwixt the 19th and 20th the Rebels surpris'd a Command of ours, viz. seventy of the Campbells and thirty of Kingston's Horse at Keith, by obtaining our Counter-sign or Watch-word. Captain Campbell, one Serjeant and 5 private Men were killed; several of the Prisoners have since made their Escape. We hear their Army is now on this Side of the Spey, intending to surprize our Front Brigade here, which has occasioned our being under Arms for several Nights past. What Sleep we get is in the Day-time. But we were Yesterday reinforced with four more Regiments, and how soon the Duke with the main Body comes up, we expect to march forward and give a good Account of the Rebels.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland was still at Aberdeen when the last Letters came away.

There is Advice that on Monday Morning last the Castle of Blair was still holding out, and that the Hessians were then at Dunkeld, preparing to march forward that Day to relieve it, so that every Moment we expect to hear of an Action.

This Forenoon the Constables, by a Warrant from the Sheriffs, were searching for some disaffected Persons, suspected to be lurking in or about this City.

As all the Horses and Carts in the Shire of Kincardine have been called in to Aberdeen, 'tis thought his Royal Highness the Duke has marched from that Place.

☾ This Day, the 24th Day of the Moon, it is high Water at Leith, Forenoon, at 9 o'clock, 6 M. Afternoon, at 9, 30 M. Friday, Forenoon, at 9, 54 M. Afternoon, at 10, 18 M. Saturday, Forenoon, at 10, 42 M. Afternoon, at 11, 6 M.

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Just now arrived at Leith,

A Parcel of DUNBAR MALT, to be sold as usual by JOHN BALFOUR, at his House in the Brick Land, opposite to the Church of South-Leith.

To be exposed to Sale, at the CROWN TAVERN in the Parliament close, on Monday next the 7th of April, at 10 o'Clock Forenoon,

Several Sorts of HOUSHOLD-FURNITURE, viz. Tables, Chairs, China, Plate, Hangings, Peuther, and Kitchen-Furniture.

Aberdeen, 27th March 1746.

At a General Court Martial held at Aberdeen the 23d Day of March instant, by Order of his Royal Highness WILLIAM Duke of CUMBERLAND, &c. &c. &c.

The following Sentence was pronounced against Ensign Daniel Hart, of late Sir Robert Monro's Regiment, for extorting Six Guineas from the Wife of Francis Ross Merchant in Aberdeen, upon his promising to protect her House and Shop, viz.

"It appearing evident to the Court, from the preceding Depositions, and the Prisoner's own Confession, that he is guilty of the Crimes laid to his Charge; DO THEREFORE unanimously adjudge him to be cashier'd, and rendered incapable of ever serving in any Capacity under his Majesty; and ordain this his Sentence to be publicly read to him at the Head of the Picquets; and require David Bruce, Deputy Judge Advocate for his Royal Highness's Army, to transmit a Copy of the Sentence to Edinburgh, to be insert in the publick News Papers.

Lieut. Colonel David Cunninghame, President.
David Bruce, D. J. Advocate.

N.B. His Royal Highness approved of the above Sentence, and discharged his following the Army any further.

To be SOLD or SETT,

The LANDS and TEINDS of GOODCLARET, formerly Part of the Estate of Reidoch, lying in the Kers of Falkirk, Parish of Polmond and Shire of Stirling, holding of the Crown Blanch, possessed by one Tenant, who pays yearly 100 l. Sterling, and the whole publick Burdens. The Progress of Writs are in the Hands of John Dickie Writer to the Signet: And any Person who has a Mind to purchase the Premises, may commune with him

or Robert Biggar Merchant in Edinburgh the Proprietor, and if they are for a Tack, with the said Robert Biggar, Thomas Heughs Merchant in Falkirk. The Entry being at Martinmas next.

N.B. The Farm-house and Out-houses are in good pair, being lately rebuilt with Stone and Lime.

To be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup in John's Coffee-house, this present Thursday, the 2d of April, between the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon,

A FORE SHOP, DWELLING-HOUSE, large CELLAR, GARRET, and little SHOP, lying opposite to the Tron-Church, late the Property of Baillie Fenton, and possess by him and his Widow now deceased. The Progress and the Conditions of the Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Andrew Chalmer Writer, at his House opposite to the Guard. The Conditions are also to be seen in the Hands of Paul Husband Merchant, at his Shop opposite to the Tron-Church; and he will shew the Premises to any Person on a Call.

N.B. Any who have Demands on the Effects of Baillie Fenton or his Relict, are desired immediately to give in Notes of the Extent, and Vouchers, to the foresaid Mr. Husband.

†† Such of the Creditors of the deceased Robert Bontein of Mildovan as have heritable Security upon the Lands of Balgals, the Property of the also deceased Margaret Bontein his Wife, are desired to give in to Alexander Cunningham Writer in Edinburgh, without Delay, a full Copy of the Lands upon which their Debts are secured, with an exact List of the Debts, Principal, Annualrent, Expences of Diligence, as they amount to at Whitsunday next, that proper Measures may be taken for their Payment.

Just arrived at the Port of Leith from Philadelphia directly,

A Cargo of FLAX-SEED of the Crop 1745, to be sold by NEIL MACVICAR Merchant in Edinburgh. Samples of the Seed may be seen at his Shop in the Lawnmarket, and at the Weigh-house in Leith.

To be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, within the House of William Cairns Forrester at Pancaitland-Wood, upon Tuesday the 15th Day of April inst. at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon,

A large Parcel of WOOD, consisting mostly of Oak, with some Ash, Birch, &c. being Part of Sir Robert Sinclair of Stevenston his Wood at Pancaitland, lying in the Parish of Pancaitland, in the County of Haddington. Any Person that inclines to view the same, may call for the said William Cairns, in whose Hands, and in the Hands of Patrick Watson Servant to the said Sir Robert Sinclair at Stevenston, the Articles of Roup are to be seen.

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